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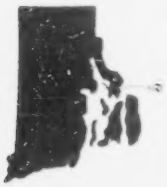

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,700 IN SEPTEMBER TO 420,500

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 2,700 jobs in September, primarily due to seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with additional hiring in some Manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 420,500 in September. This figure represents a gain of 2,700 jobs from the August level and is 2,300 above the September 1984 total of 418,200.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 700 from August to September. Nevertheless, the current figure of 120,200 is 2,200 less than the year ago level of 122,400. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment total of 81,800 was up 600 from the prior month, but was 1,700 below the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries increased 100 in the August-September period to a level of 38,400, but was down 500 compared to the September 1984 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial monthly gains were registered in Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+300 each). An upturn of 200 in Transportation Equipment was offset by a decrease of 200 in Electrical Machinery. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their August employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the only employment increase in the Durable Goods category was reported

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EMPLOYERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Department of Employment Security is making a special plea to Rhode Island employers to assist us in speeding up the process for determining eligibility for both Unemployment Insurance benefits and Temporary Disability benefits. When a worker files a claim for either Unemployment Insurance or TDI, a next-step is to request wage and termination information from the employer(s). This is done by means of a simple form — DES-465, "Employee Wage & Termination Report" or TDI-4-A, 4-B, "Employee Wage & Employment Report."

You, as an employer, can eliminate unnecessary phone calls and follow-up correspondence by returning the form to this Department promptly, thus saving time and money and avoiding the need for second and third requests. By doing so, you are complying with Rhode Island law and you are being fair and considerate to your employees who have applied for benefits.

Further, by returning the form to us within five days, you are protecting your appeal rights regarding any Department decision on the payment of benefits. A delay in returning the information may also result in the imposition of penalties.

As always, your cooperation and help in this vital matter is appreciated.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1985, must be filed by October 31, 1985, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3537
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown,	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Employer Services	277-3573
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road	294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
or	Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN	Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1985-P	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Total Placements	2,255	3,057	2,378
New Applications	3,045	3,959	4,029
New Openings Rec'd.	2,980	5,415	3,958

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	% Change Aug. 1985
Initial Claims	6,304	6,382	1.2
No. of Payments	41,850	51,090	18.1
Amt. of Payments	$4,758,986	$5,775,591	17.6
Exhaustions	727	877	17.1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally financed, are presented below:

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985
Initial Claims	1	0
No. of Payments	489	593
Amount of Payments	$ 13,359	$ 14,743

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	508.8	508.2	492.1
Unemployment	19.7	21.1	20.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.2	4.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.4	4.1	4.7

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	337.3	333.5	329.9
Unemployment	13.5	18.1	14.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	5.4	4.5

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	138.8	139.1	136.5
Unemployment	8.0	10.6	8.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.8	7.6	5.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	44,285	44,100	41,360
Unemployment	1,075	1,210	1,140
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.7	2.8

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 19-23, 1985

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
Total	13,804	100.0
Men	5,800	42.0
Under 45	3,985	68.7
45 and over	1,815	31.3
Women	8,004	58.0
Under 45	4,545	56.8
45 and over	3,459	43.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	661	4.8
Manufacturing	6,631	48.0
Public Utilities	814	5.9
Wholesale and Retail	1,476	10.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	407	3.0
Service	2,544	18.4
All Other	1,271	9.2
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,899	13.8
Clerical and Sales	2,510	18.2
Service	1,543	11.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	102	0.7
Processing	525	3.8
Machine Trades	1,780	12.9
Bench Work	1,866	13.5
Structural Work	1,255	9.1
Miscellaneous	1,628	11.8
INA	696	5.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	420.5	417.8	418.2	+ 2,700	+ 2,300
MANUFACTURING	120.2	119.5	122.4	+ 700	- 2,200
NONMANUFACTURING	300.3	298.3	295.8	+ 2,000	+ 4,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.2	14.4	13.4	- 200	+ 800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.1	14.0**	14.1	+ 100	-
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	92.2	91.7	89.8	+ 500	+ 2,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	24.1	24.0	22.9	+ 100	- 1,200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	99.1	98.8	98.5	+ 300	+ 600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.6**	55.4	57.1**	+ 1,200	- 500

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES			
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985 / Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985 / Sept. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.2	119.5	122.4	+700	-2200	$305.92	$297.02	40.2 / 40.8	$ 7.61 / $ 7.28
DURABLE GOODS	81.8	81.2	83.5	+600	-1700	305.20	294.52	40.0 / 40.4	7.63 / 7.29
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	-300	332.92	292.40	41.0 / 40.0	8.12 / 7.31
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	-100	382.70	385.22	40.8 / 42.1	9.38 / 9.15
PRIMARY METALS	6.0*	6.0*	6.1	0	-100	371.78	365.94	42.2 / 42.7	8.81 / 8.57
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.3	0	0	275.95	265.12	40.7 / 40.6	6.78 / 6.53
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.1*	6.3*	0	-200	414.20	408.71	43.6 / 43.9	9.50 / 9.31
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	12.1	12.7	-200	-800	278.44	274.19	38.3 / 40.5	7.27 / 6.77
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.0	9.8	10.1	+200	-100	417.56	393.74	40.5 / 41.1	10.31 / 9.58
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0	312.38	298.99	42.5 / 41.7	7.35 / 7.17
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.3	23.0	23.7	+300	-400	244.45	219.27	39.3 / 38.2	6.22 / 5.74
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.2	5.2	+300	+300	232.54	225.69	34.4 / 34.3	6.76 / 6.58
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.4	38.3	38.9	+100	-500	309.67	298.66	40.8 / 40.8	7.59 / 7.32
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.3	3.5	+100	-100	252.75	247.90	37.5 / 37.0	6.74 / 6.70
TEXTILES	10.9	11.0	11.1	-100	-200	311.88	293.53	41.2 / 40.1	7.57 / 7.32
APPAREL	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	-200	264.62	246.37	40.9 / 41.9	6.47 / 5.88
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0	269.73	270.66	40.5 / 40.7	6.66 / 6.65
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+100	420.00	415.95	39.4 / 40.9	10.66 / 10.17
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2*	3.2*	3.0	0	+200	402.75	385.04	40.6 / 39.9	9.92 / 9.65
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	-100	320.08	300.17	41.3 / 40.4	7.75 / 7.43
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	4.9	5.1	+100	-100	321.31	283.78	41.3 / 38.4	7.78 / 7.39
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	-100	211.07	217.48	38.8 / 40.2	5.44 / 5.41

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in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing sector (+300). For the twelve month period, notable job declines occurred in Electrical Machinery (-800), Jewelry-Silverware (-400) and Lumber/Furniture (-300). A decrease of 200 was evident in Nonelectrical Machinery, followed by annual downturns of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment. Employment in Fabricated Metals and Instruments was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were posted in Food-Beverage and Plastics Products, while Textile jobs fell 100 from August. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change in the August-September period. On an annual comparison, employment gains were registered in Chemical Products (+200) and Printing-Publishing (+100). In contrast, annual declines of 200 each occurred in Textiles and Apparel followed by decreases of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Rubber Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products. Employment in Paper Products equalled its September 1984 total.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island's various nonmanufacturing categories rose by 2,000 from August to September, largely the result of seasonal hiring in Trade, Service and Government. The current total of 300,300 is also 4,500 jobs greater than the September 1984 level of 295,800.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade at 92,200 and Service, at 99,100, posted monthly job gains of 500 and 300, respectively. Compared to a year ago, the former industry was up 2,400, while the latter advanced by 600. The monthly rise of 1,200 in total Government employment was primarily due to seasonal gains in state and local educational institutions; this increase was partly offset by the effects of two teacher strikes. At 56,600, this segment was 500 below the level recorded a year earlier, due largely to the labor disputes in progress this September. Payrolls in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased by 300 from the prior month to a level of 24,100, and were up 1,100 compared to September 1984. Transportation and Public Utilities jobs advanced 100 for the month rising to 14,100, but remained unchanged from a year ago. Employment in Contract Construction showed a monthly downturn of 200, although the September total of 14,200 represented an annual gain of 800 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 6 cents to $7.61 in mid-September; this represents a gain of 33 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.3 of an hour in September to 40.2 hours, which was also 0.6 of an hour less than the September 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in September amounted to $305.92, representing an increase of $4.67 from last month and $8.90 from September of last year.

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